select batches of officers to reputed international management institutes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the scheduled date of commencement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) With a view to devising a comprehensive Training Programme for proper and systematic training of the officers belonging to the Central Secretariat Service for their career growth and development, a Committee of Senior Officers was set up by the Government in August, 2001. The Committee submitted its report in February, 2005, which is presently under examination.

Exclusion of PSUs from the purview of Right to Information

983. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to exclude Public Sector Undertakings including banks and Insurance Companies from the purview of the Right to Information Act, 2005; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Departmental examination for Section Officers

984. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2610 given in Rajya Sabha on 18th August, 2005 and state:

(a) whether a reference to UPSC for reconsideration of the decision and to hold Limited Departmental Competitive Examination (LDCE) 2005 for Section Officers and Private Secretaries has since been made by Department of Personnel and Training to Union Public Service Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the reaction of UPSC to the reference, if any received?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) to (d) The UPSC was requested *vide* Department of Personnel and Training letter dated 25th July, 2005 to reconsider its decision and hold the LDCE for the year 2005. The UPSC has reiterated its earlier stand of not holding the LDCE 2005. Matter is still under discussion with UPSC.

Anti-corruption drive by CVC

985. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Vigilance Commission has sought statutory powers from the Union Government to expedite the anti-corruption drive at high places and suggested creation of a "black brigade" to seize black money till the pendency of judicial process;

(b) if so, whether Government are also considering such request of CVC; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) As per the information provided by the Central Vigilance Commission, it has not sought any statutory powers for creation of Black Brigade.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Compensatory holidays

986. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in European countries people get compensatory holiday if a national holiday falls on Saturday or Sunday but in India national holidays are not compensated;

(b) if so, the details in regard thereto;

(c) whether Government propose to give compensatory holiday to Government employees if a national holiday falls on Saturday or Sunday; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?